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Tonight and  
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## BIG DAMAGE BY WIND STORM

HUNDREDS OF MEN OUT OF  
EMPLOYMENT AT TOLEDO,  
OHIO.

### MANY FACTORIES WRECKED

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS DAM-  
AGE DONE BY TERRIFIC  
HURRICANE.

### CLOUDBURST FOLLOWS WIND

BRIDGES WASHED AWAY AND  
LOWLANDS FLOODED OVER  
STATE OF INDIANA.

Toledo, O., April 7.—Hundreds of men are out of employment and many thousands of dollars damage was done by the hurricane which visited the city last night. The wind attained a velocity of 63 miles an hour, ripped the roof from the plant of the Massillon Bridge company building, and 300 men will be out of work until the damage is repaired. Many were hurt by the flying debris.

#### Four Factories Destroyed.

Peru, Ind., April 7.—The tornado struck this city at 8 o'clock last night, destroying four factories and several schools and many small buildings. One may be fatally hurt.

#### City in Darkness.

Wabash, Ind., April 7.—The first cyclone in 25 years struck here last night, injuring a score of people and doing thousands of dollars damage.

A prominent woman, Mrs. James Hayes, and four children were pinned beneath the wreckage of their house which caught fire. The mother will die from her burns. The wires went down and the city is in darkness. The wind was followed by a cloudburst and the river flooded the lowlands. Many bridges were washed away.

#### Ten Killed in Tennessee.

Memphis, Tenn., April 7.—Ten persons are known to have been killed in the storm which swept the Mississippi valley last night. The damage was over a wide area. The towns of Aberdeen, Westpoint, Rich, Cotton Plant and Starkville were badly damaged. At Buntyan, Tenn., the school house was wrecked, causing a panic among the pupils.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Louisville, April 7.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific railway was held today. The stockholders elected directors and voted to authorize the issue of \$100,000,000 in stock, consisting of a million shares of the value of \$100 each. Practically all the stock was represented.

The directors elected are C. A. Peabody of New York; W. B. Cutting, Maxwell Evans, E. H. Harriman, Robert S. Lovett, C. H. Mackay, William Mahl, W. V. S. Thorne and Frank A. Vanderlip of New York; H. W. DeForest of Oyster Bay; Robert Goelet of Newport; Marvin Huggitt of Chicago; H. E. Huntington of San Francisco; Ogden Mills of Staatsburg, N. Y.; and Robert Walton Goelet of Newport. Additional stock may be had by bondholders in exchange for bonds at \$130 a share.

## MISSING BRIDEGROOM MAKES HIS APPEARANCE

Alonso Farthington, who was to be united in marriage to Miss Gladys Douglas, Monday evening, but who strangely disappeared on that day, has been found alive and unharmed. He became afraid of his creditors, hearing that one of them had gotten out some kind of a writ, and decided to hide. He secured a room at the

Castaneda hotel and stayed under cover until last night, when he came to the conclusion that the rumor might have been a false alarm, and again made his appearance.

He says that he intends to get married probably the first of next week, according to the original program, and will leave after the ceremony for California, on a honeymoon trip. He declares that he will get money from home to pay his debts and expenses.

Some of his friends believe that he has a slight touch of insanity. He informed some of them that he had received \$1,400 from the east last Saturday and had it deposited in the bank. He has told a number of other strange stories which have been found not to exactly jibe with the circumstances, in fact he assured several that he had been kidnapped and held at the Castaneda hotel, and was only able to escape after great difficulty.

#### Sherman Victim of Grippe.

New York, April 7.—Vice President Sherman late yesterday afternoon cancelled an engagement to attend the dinner of the Staten Island club at St. George tonight, on account of illness. Mr. Sherman, it is understood, has developed the grippe, although no definite information concerning his condition could be obtained at the Hotel Manhattan, where he is stopping.

## CIPRIANO CASTRO IN RACE AGAINST STATE DEPARTMENT

ALL PORTS IN WEST INDIES EX-  
CEPT FORT DE FRANCE BAR-  
RED AGAINST HIM.

Disembarks From His Ship and Takes  
Up Quarters on Shore Greatly In-  
censed Against Britain and U. S.

Fort de France, Martinique, April 7.—Cipriano Castro, in a rage against the British government and the state department at Washington, left the steamer Guadalupe at this port today, and has taken up quarters on shore. Finding all ports in the West Indies, excepting Fort de France, barred against him, his only course was the one left open to the former Venezuelan dictator. Senor Castro's wife will continue on board the Guadalupe to Laguaira. The American cruiser North Carolina came into port today.

#### Goes to Whipping Post.

Vancouver, B. C., April 7.—The whipping post was brought into use in the Crow's Nest district recently when a man named Anderson was given the choice of a whipping or the jail for an attack on a girl. He chose the whipping and was given the last. He left town later.

Negroes May Not Use Elk Emblem.  
Trenton, N. J., April 7.—The house today passed a bill preventing negroes from using the name, or wearing the emblem of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

## BALDWIN WILL CONTEST ENDED BY COMPROMISE

San Francisco, April 7.—The threatened will contest over the estate of the late "Lucky" Baldwin has been prevented by a compromise, by which Mrs. Rosella Selby, a daughter by the turfman's marriage, will receive about double the amount specified in the will. The agreement was reached after an extended conference between the representatives of the widow, Mrs. Lillian Bennett Baldwin, two other daughters, and Mrs. Selby. The original legacy for the latter was Los Angeles property valued at about \$50,000.

#### Weston Reaches Youngstown.

Canton, April 7.—Pedestrian Weston, who is walking from New York to the Pacific coast, arrived here from Youngstown yesterday afternoon. He was met by a committee of citizens and escorted to a hotel from the balcony where he told the crowd he had walked fifty-six miles today. Weston will leave for Akron tomorrow.

## COUNSEL FOR PARDON FOR STANDARD SPEAKS EDWARD J. SMITH

OPPOSES ATTEMPT OF GOVERN-  
MENT TO DISSOLVE BIG  
CORPORATION.

### SAYS COMPANY IS MALIGNED

DECLARES IT HAS BEEN NA-  
TION'S GREATEST DEVELOPER  
OF FOREIGN COMMERCE.

### FIGHTING FOR EXISTENCE

MEMBERS NOT BURNING MID-  
NIGHT OIL IN CONCOCTING  
CONSPIRACIES.

St. Louis, April 7.—John G. Milburn, senior counsel for the Standard Oil company, continued his argument in the United States court today, in opposing the attempts of the government to dissolve the corporation.

He contended that the Standard has been greatly maligned, whereas it had been the nation's greatest developer of not only local, but foreign commerce. He confined himself largely to the history of the oil company's early activities. Mr. Milburn contended that the companies coming under the trust agreement of 1879, were not competing companies, but dealers in different lines. This is the defense's strongest argument.

Milburn said that instead of burning the midnight oil, in an effort to concoct conspiracies, the members of Rockefeller's company were fighting for their very existence, against big odds.

### Arguments on Gompers' Appeal.

Washington, April 7.—Arguments upon the appeal taken from the decision of Judge Wright adjudging Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell in contempt for their alleged violation of the injunction granted against them upon the petition of the Buck Stove and Range company of St. Louis will begin April 19 before the district court of appeals.

## WHEAT SUDDENLY JUMPS TO DOLLAR AND QUARTER

Chicago, April 7.—On a sensational opening of wheat on the board of trade today, it touched the highest point, with one exception in more than 20 years. The first sales of May were at \$1.24 to \$1.25 1-2, the latter being 3 1-4 cents higher than Monday's closing.

#### Winter Wheat Falls Off.

Washington, April 7.—The winter wheat average is 82.2 per cent of the normal, against 91.3 for a year ago, and the rye average, 87.2 against 89.1 a year ago. This was announced in the report of the department of agriculture issued today.

## FORTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY BATTLE OF SHILOH

(By Captain John A. Rosa.)  
The battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, fought on Sunday and Monday, April 6 and 7, 1862, was the first great conflict of the civil war and one of its most sanguinary.

The most extravagant ideas prevailed among the people both north and south. After the capture of Fort Henry and Donelson, the north, including the army believed the war would not last three months. The south believed that one confederate soldier could whip twelve from the north. This great battle opened the

NOTED EMBEZZLER WILL BE PA-  
ROLED ON FIRST OF  
MAY.

### CAREER MOST SENSATIONAL

STOLE \$265,000 PUBLIC MONEY  
WHILE TAX COLLECTOR AT  
SAN FRANCISCO.

### DISPOSED OF ALL BUT \$90

FLED BEFORE HE COULD BE AP-  
PREHENDED AND WAS  
CAUGHT IN ST. LOUIS.

San Francisco, April 7.—Former Tax Collector Edward J. Smith, of this city, who in May, 1905, was sentenced by Judge Lawlor to serve ten years in the penitentiary for the embezzlement of \$265,000 of public funds, will be paroled from the Folsom prison, May 1.

Smith's friends have been trying for many months to accomplish this and his brother, James B. Smith, vice president of the Western Fuel company, who spent a large portion of his fortune in making good his brother's shortage, will provide for him.

The discovery of his defalcations and Smith's flight and arrest in St. Louis, formed one of the most sensational events of ex-Mayor Eugene Schmidt's administration. When captured, Smith had only \$90 left, most of the stolen money having been lavished upon a woman known as "Countess" Leona Brooks, the latter dying of consumption in Los Angeles.

## KILLS VICTIM IN JAIL WITH HEAVY STOVE DOOR

Albuquerque, N. M., April 7.—Robert Benefield, a colored man, arrested Sunday for being drunk, and Monday morning sentenced by Police Judge Craig to ten days in jail, was so badly beaten that night by Leopoldo Torres, a fellow prisoner, that he died at noon yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital. His skull was fractured in several places, but City Physician Pearce, who performed an operation to relieve the pressure on the brain, says that he died from loss of blood.

The assault upon Benefield was committed while the latter was asleep, from all appearances. Benefield, Torres and W. C. Kincaid were the occupants of the city jail. Kincaid was locked in a cell for being troublesome and Torres and Benefield were together in the corridor. When Police Officer Guivera opened the jail yesterday morning to give the prisoners their breakfast, Torres was walking around in the room and Benefield was lying on a cot in an open cell. Guivera said that he noticed blood on the floor of the jail. A large pool

of it stood on the floor near the jail door. Entering the cell he uncovered Benefield's face and found the negro covered with blood and unconscious. His head was a mass of bruises. He asked Torres who hit Benefield and the native said that he did. The officer asked him what he did it with and Torres said a stone. Guivera looked around the jail but could find no stone. He then noticed the door of the stove lying on the floor, covered with blood.

Kincaid was asked if he knew that Benefield had been assaulted and he said that he did not. He said that a man had attempted to break the lock on his cell, and that when he attempted to drive the man away he struck him. Torres also struck the man. Torres also sprung the bars on the jail window apparently in an attempt to escape, but was unable to get them wide enough apart to get through.

#### Cannon Reversed.

Washington, April 7.—In the house today Vreeland offered an amendment striking out the countervailing duty on oil and fixing it at 25 per cent ad valorem. Norris of Nebraska moved a substitute, imposing one percent ad valorem. After Speaker Cannon had been reversed on deciding a point of order, the entire petroleum schedule was opened to amendment.

## FOR STEALING TWO CENTS YOUNG MAN GETS SIX MONTHS

CHANGE WAS GIVEN HIM FOR  
PURPOSE OF BUYING  
POSTAGE STAMP.

Pulaski County, Missouri, Boy Goes  
to Reform School on Charge of Em-  
bezzling Postal Funds.

Springfield, Mo., April 7.—Because he had stolen two cents, given him to buy a postage stamp, Cleveland Carroll, a Pulaski county boy, employed as a mail carrier, was today sentenced by Judge Phillips, to six months in the reform school. Carroll is said to have appropriated two cents given him to buy a stamp, and to have destroyed the letter, and was sentenced for embezzling postal funds.

#### Fairbanks to Visit Orient.

Pasadena, Cal., April 7.—Former Vice President Fairbanks announced last night that he would sail from San Francisco on May 16, for a trip of one year's duration to include Hawaii, Japan, China, the Philippines, Australia and Africa.

#### Ex-Senator Fulton Honored.

Washington, April 7.—President Taft today tendered to former Senator Fulton of Oregon, the office of minister to China, to succeed W. W. Rockhill. Fulton asked ten days to consider his acceptance.

#### To Prohibit Sale of Cigarettes.

St. Paul, April 7.—The state senate today passed a bill recently passed by the house making it a misdemeanor to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes or the "makins" of a cigarette.

## AL KAUFMAN TO FIGHT ITALIAN HEAVYWEIGHT

New York, April 7.—Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, who is trying to arrange a match with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship, will go ten rounds with Tony Ross, the Italian heavyweight from Pittsburg, at the Fairmount Athletic club in Brooklyn tonight. Fight fans will then be able to get a line on Kaufman's form, and size up his chances in the event of a bout with the big negro.

#### Orient to Open in August.

Chicago, April 7.—President Arthur E. Stillwell of Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient railroad, who arrived here to speak at the association of commerce dinner today, said his road would be running trains from Kansas City to San Angelo, Texas, by the 1st of August, and that he expected the Pacific coast extension to be completed next year.

## "DRYS" MAKE MANY BIG GAINS

ANTI-SALOON PEOPLE WIN IN  
MAJORITY OF COLORADO  
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

### LA JUNTA GOES PROHIBITION

SALOON KEEPERS GET ONE  
WARD IN PUEBLO WHILE  
TRINIDAD VOTES WET.

### ST. LOUIS IS REPUBLICAN

ENTIRE TICKET SUCCESSFUL,  
THE MAYOR RECEIVING A MA-  
JORITY OF 11,463 VOTES.

Denver, April 7.—Colorado "Drys" made gains in the majority of the municipal elections over the state yesterday. Dr. A. L. Fugard of Pueblo, republican, was elected and four of the five wards went dry. Colorado Springs went dry, knocking out drug store liquor selling. W. H. Spurgeon, republican, was elected mayor.

Boulder and Grand Junction went dry and Fort Morgan continues dry. Cripple Creek went wet and Fort Collins went dry by three votes. Canon City, La Junta, Castle Rock, Basalt, Evans and Nederland went dry and Rifle, Brush, Trinidad and Brighton went wet.

Big Towns Vote Wet.  
Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.—The latest returns from the municipal elections, show 35 towns in Wisconsin voted wet and 30 dry, the latter being in the smaller localities. Oskosh, Superior, Ashland, Eau Claire and Beloit are among the cities voting wet. Republicans Win in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 7.—Frederick H. Kreisman, republican, was elected mayor of St. Louis yesterday by a majority of 11,463 votes, over W. G. Woerner. The entire republican ticket was successful.

"Regulars" Overthrown.  
San Diego, Cal., April 7.—The election resulted in the overthrow of the "regulars." Grant Conrad was elected mayor. The prohibition ordinance was defeated and the commission plan of government was placed in effect.

## MARSHAL BEN COLES MAKES FINE CAPTURE

George McNagel, the walter with the Sells-Floto shows, who was arrested in this city by Marshal Ben Coles, for stealing a number of sets of harness, a coat and a wheelbarrow, is wanted in Kansas, on a much more serious charge, and when Sheriff Cleofes Romero releases him, he will be taken back to stand trial. It is thought better to let him suffer punishment there than to make the territory stand the expenses of his trial and punishment.

Mr. Coles, who made the arrest, found among his papers, a dodger bearing two likenesses of the man and a complete description.

His name is Ray N. Harrington, alias Marcus M. Harbin and he is wanted at Hiawatha, Kansas, on the charge of burglary and larceny. He broke jail at that place while awaiting trial and a reward of \$25 has been offered for his apprehension. He is a printer by trade and has served a term at the Indiana reform school at Plainfield.

The prisoner does not deny that he is the man wanted and is willing to be taken back without extradition. Marshal Coles made a clever capture when he took this young fellow into custody. He nearly effected his escape from the city lockup, having cut a big hole in the ceiling before it was discovered.